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FOR ROBERT PUGH

1. REFTELS DESCRIBE GOG RESTRICTIONS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT
LIMITING USE OF GREEK FACILITIES TO US AIRCRAFT. WE
ASSUME THESE RESTRICTIONS STILL APPLY AS STATED REFTELS.

2. AT DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 20, DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED ABOUT STATUS FLIGHTS OF US
MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN GREECE (SEE LAST Q AND A OF BRIEFING
TRANSCRIPT SENT SEPTTEL). HE SAID HE WOULD CHECK IT. WE
WOULD LIKE, THEREFORE, TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE
AT PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 21.

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3. WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR YOUR COMMENT.

BEGIN TEXT

DUE TO THE CYPRUS CRISIS AND GREECE'S OWN SECURITY NEEDS,
GREECE HAS PLACED CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF

GREEK FACILITIES BY US MILITARY AIRCRAFT. WE HOPE THESE
RESTRICTIONS WILL BE TEMPORARY. IN ANY CASE, THEY HAVE
NOT UNDULY HAMPERED THE OPERATIONS OF THE AIRCRAFT
AFFECTED. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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